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SUBJECT: ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO
EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 239458

1. WE PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE SEPTEMBER 30 TO QUAI
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS LALOY AND ACTING
UN DIRECTOR OURMET BASED ON REF INSTRUCTIONS. IN
WRITTEN AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS WE FELICITATED FRANCE
FOR ITS POSITIVE VOTE IN UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD IN
FAVOR OF PRINCIPLE THAT GENERAL CONFERENCE, IN
DETERMINING REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS, BE GUIDED BY VIEWS OF
MEMBERS OF RELEVANT REGION; IN ADDITION TO STRESSING
ARGUMENTS IN REFTEL PARA 6, WE CONCLUDED THAT USG
TRUSTS GOF WILL BUILD LOGICALLY ON ITS EXECUTIVE BOARD
POSITION BY VOTING SAME WAY IN GENERAL CONFERENCE AND
THEN SUPPORTING ISRAEL'S INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN REGION.

2. LALOY AND OURMET APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO US
POSITION AND ASSURED US IT WOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT IN DETERMINING FRENCH VOTE. THEY DO NOT YET
KNOW WHAT WILL BE FINAL GOF POSITION, HOWEVER.

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3. LALOY TOLD POLCOUNS THAT FRANCE IS HESITATING BUT IT IS HESITATING IN OUR DIRECTION. HE SAID NOW THAT CANADA HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO EUROPEAN REGION, GOF WOULD FIND IT EASIER TO SWALLOW ISRAEL'S INCLUSION, AND IT IS NOW BUSY COORDINATING ITS POSITION WITH OTHER EC PARTNERS. FRANCE IS FULLY AWARE OF CRITICAL NATURE OF THIS MATTER FOR USG'S FUTURE RELATIONS WITH UNESCO, LALOY CONCLUDED. OURMET SAID THAT IN DETERMINING SUCH POSITIONS, GOF, IN ADDITION TO GENERAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS IS SUBSTANTIALLY INFLUENCED BY LEGALISTIC FACTORS SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING FACT THAT ISRAEL IS FULLY ENTITLED TO STATUS AND MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS WHICH GO WITH HER SOVEREIGN STATEHOOD. HE SAID THAT FINAL POSITION ON THIS QUESTION WOULD BE DECIDED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BECAUSE IT HAS SIGNIFICANT REPERCUSSIONS ON GOF ARAB-ISRAELI POLICY.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: IN VIEW APPARENTLY CRUCIAL POSITION OF FRANCE IN THIS MATTER, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT TO BE RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD WHILE HE IS STILL IN THE US.
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